(2) When and under what terms the work has been entrusted to him?

(3) The total cost of the publication including the remuneration to the editor.

(4) The total amount incurred till now for the said publication.

(5) The details of payment made till now together with their dates.

(6) The progress made till now in furtherance of the publication.

(7) The time within which the publication is likely to be completed?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—6. (1) Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, Editor, Mysore Economic Journal.

(2) The work was entrusted to him on 1st February 1924.

The terms were—

(*a*) that the revised edition of the Gazetteer should issue in a final form before the end of January 1925. The period for completing the work was extended from time to time;

(*b*) that he should be paid a lump sum remuneration of Rs. 5,000 and a sum of Rs. 1,080 (90 per mensem) for engaging the necessary clerical and menial establishment.

(3) The total cost can be ascertained only after the Gazetteer has been published.

(4) The total expenditure incurred till now including printing charges is Rs. 20,377.

(5) The details of payments made are—

		Rs.	Rs.
1924-25.	Lump sum remuneration to Mr. Hayavadana Rao ..	2,000	
	Establishment charges ..	1,255	
			3,255
1925-26.	Lump sum remuneration to Mr. Hayavadana Rao ..	1,000	
	Establishment charges ..	1,225	
			2,225
1926-27.	Lump sum remuneration to Mr. Hayavadana Rao ..	1,000	
	Establishment charges ..	2,057	
			3,057

1927-28.	Lump sum remuneration to Mr. Hayavadana Rao	..	500	
	Establishment charges	..	440	
				940
		Total	....	9,477

(6) Vol. I has been printed and the other volumes are in the Press.

(7) It is not possible to say when the publication will be completed. Special efforts are being made to complete it very early.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

When was the revision of the Gazetteer ordered ?

General Secretary.—

About 7 or 8 years ago.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

Was it not originally entrusted to a Government agency?

General Secretary.—

Yes.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

Under the contract with Mr. Hayavadana Rao, the publication ought to have come out in 1925. Seeing that two years more have already elapsed, is the delay conducive to economy?

General Secretary.—

The work was more than was at first anticipated and time had to be extended.

Third Member of Council.—

Time is not the essence of the contract because it involves no extra payment to Mr. Hayavadana Rao.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

What is the delay in the publication due to? Is it

not due to his connection with the Mysore Economic Journal?

General Secretary.—

The delay is due to the fact that the work is very heavy and onerous.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

Do Government get a statement of the establishment entertained by the editor month by month and is the expenditure on such establishment audited?

General Secretary.—

Under the contract with Mr. Hayavadana Rao, a lump sum grant is given to him for establishment charges.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

Have Government any further hold on the editor except the contractual relationship?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

Will any more remuneration be paid to him?

General Secretary.—

No.

Third Member of Council.—

The remuneration fixed was Rs. 5,000 and the work, so far as he is concerned, is completed.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Are the Government aware that the delay in the publication of the Gazetteer is due to the fact that the editor has been connected with too many activities and has had no time to attend to this work solely?

General Secretary.—

Government do not think so.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Has the editor done any similar compilation work elsewhere and has he any special qualifications for this kind of work?

Third Member of Council.—

He was one of the Assistants appointed for the preparation of the Madras Gazetteer.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Have Government satisfied themselves that the establishment is engaged only on the Gazetteer work and not on any other private work?

General Secretary.—

It is his look out; but from a monthly progress report received from him, it looks as if the establishment is fully used on the Gazetteer.

First Member of Council.—

This establishment will cease shortly.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Has the editor toured round the districts to collect materials?

General Secretary.—

Yes, he has visited many places.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Where was all the work connected with the Gazetteer done? Was it in the Secretariat?

General Secretary.—

Not in the Secretariat; but in the editor's own office.

By Mr. H. C. Dasappa (Special Interests).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) What are the terms of the agreement which the Mysore Railways have entered into with the Out-Agency Contractor for carrying Mail between Ooty and Mysore?